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PASS AGRICULTURE/ASST. SEC. BELL AND FAS/NOVOTNY

TRADAX, GENEVA REP. SLADEK, CALLED ON AGATTACHE LATE APRIL 27 AFTER MEETING WITH PERSHIN, MIN FOREIGN TRADE. IN LENGHTY, WIDE-RANGING MEETING, MAJOR POINTS HE MADE WERE: (A) TRADAX MADE NO SALES DURING VISIT (B) SOVIET WILL PROBABLY BUY OLD CROP US CORN FOR DELIVERY PRIOR SEPTEMBER 30 (C) CONFIRMED LEVELS OF TRANS-SHIPMENTS REPORTED IN CABLE HAGUE AND FACT THAT HAMBURG WAS NOT USED PER HAMBURG CABLE. ALSO INDICATED THAT 400,000 M/T LEVEL OF THESE BONA FIDE TRANS-SHIPMENTS WOULD PROBABLY NOT QUITE BE REACHED FROM CURRENT SOVIET PURCHASE TRANCHE; (D) EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS GAVE STRONG IMPRSSIONS THAT THEY CONSIDERED, AS OF THIS TIME, THAT SOVIET 1976 GRAIN CROPS WOULD BE AT LEAST AVERAGE; (E) TRADAX OFFICIALS CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUED LOW SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS IN NEW LANDS; (F) CONFIRMED TOTAL 1975-76 SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES TO DATE FOR DELIVERY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1976- AT 26-27 MILLION M/T LEVEL AND BEAN PURCHASE AT 1.5 MILLION. STOESSEL

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